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Applicant : Catherine Tornabene et al.      Art Unit : 2152  
Serial No. : 09/810,625      Examiner : Unknown  
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Total Claims	55	-	39	=	16	\$288
Independent	4	-	4	=	0	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims						\$0

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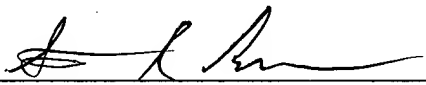
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A check for \$288 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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December 6, 2002

  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

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In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 5-8, 16, 17, 22-32, and 34-35 as follows:

1. A computer implemented method of sharing information among members of a group, the method comprising:

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- storing information about more than one current member of a group in a database;
- receiving instructions from at least one current member to invite at least one prospective member to join the group;
- sending an invitation to the prospective member to join the group;
- receiving a response from the prospective member;
- adding the prospective member to the group as a new member based upon receipt of an affirmative response; and
- automatically updating services to current members to account for the new member.

5. The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein receiving the response comprises receiving the response as an e-mail message.

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6. The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein receiving the response comprises receiving the response as an instant message.